

IN THE DRAWINGS

Substitute the drawings included with this amendment for the original drawings.

REMARKS

The preceding amendment and following remarks are submitted in response to currently outstanding Official Action of the Examiner.

The title of the invention has been changed to more clearly indicate the invention that the claims are directed toward.

Reference numbers in paragraphs 2 and 3 of page 8 of the specification have been corrected to direct to the proper part.

New drawings have been provided in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) which include the correction of the reference numbers in paragraphs 2 and 3 of page 8 of the specification.

Claim 1 was objected to in paragraph 4 of the office action because of informalities regarding the use of "an integrated circuit" which should be "the integrated circuit". All instances of this informality has been corrected in the amendment to claim 1.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Johnson (5634801). Johnson in col. 14 lines 36-41 states: "As a result, the protrusion 154 will move laterally to some degree across the surface 196 of the integrated circuit lead 190 by which it is engaged, and the nub 152 of the contact 150 may move laterally across the integrated circuit board terminal 194 with which it is in contact." It is respectfully submitted that this contradicts the Examiner's statement regarding Johnson that: "The second end of the contact has a protrusion which contacts a wall of the housing to preclude sliding motion of the second end of the contact across the terminal." The present application on page

3 lines 12-21 states: "In use, a lead of an integrated circuit will be made to engage the nose of a contact at the curved surface. Such action will effect compression of the front elastomer. The contact will rotate about a curved surface defined by an axis through the tail. A linear contact surface of the tail, adjacent the curved surface, is parallel to and in engagement with the terminal pad of the load board. This contact configuration tends to substantially eliminate sliding motion of the contact against the terminal pad of the load board." and on page 4 lines 8-10 states: "It enables positive contact to be established along electrical paths, yet it minimizes erosion of a lead of a load board 12." These portions indicates both the means the advantage of "substantially eliminating sliding motion of the contact against the terminal pad of the load board". Claims 1 and 4 have been amended to add the requirement of being rolled across the terminal, and to substitute the phrase "substantially eliminate" for "preclude". These more precisely distinguish the present application from Johnson. It is respectfully submitted that these important qualifications distinguish the present application in both its description and in its claims from Johnson. Since claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1 they are similarly distinguished.

Applicant would point out that the invention of the present application is owned by the assignee of the Johnson reference. It is with even more emphasis therefore, that the differences between the cited Johnson reference and the invention of the present application are highlighted.

All of the objections to claims having been responded to by the above amendments it is respectfully submitted that claims are now in condition for allowance.

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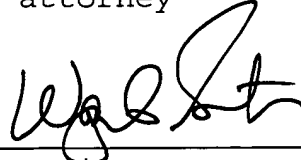
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